

# REVOLUTION

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## SHAKING THEIR SYSTEM

**BUY BUY BUY! SELL SELL SELL!**

Microsoft crashes ... (not Windows, the whole corporation) ... \$70 billion dollars wiped off its share value overnight ... over \$200 billion lost in 4 months  
lastminute.com shares valued at £1 billion ... though it has only ever made £500,000 profit ... oops, that was lastminute.news ... cutting-edge computer firms on the NASDAQ crash overnight ... a third of their value wiped out.



Two trillion pounds are traded on the world's stockmarkets every day. Big bucks can be won and lost with the click of a mouse as companies are built up way beyond their worth and then brought down. It's like a game of chicken – only it's workers and peasants who get killed, not the gambler.

Though the bosses' economists try to tell us this is a sign of a booming economy it is the opposite. It is a sign that the whole system of international trade and investment is teetering on a knife-edge.

**They're scared.**

## **...& THE CRACKS ARE STARTING TO SHOW**



# The IMF is destroying the third world...

## SHAKING THEIR SYSTEM

Two years ago Indonesia's economic melt down led to mass unemployment, wage cuts and food price hikes. This crisis unleashed a huge revolt against Suharto by students, workers and the urban poor, kicking him out and forcing the first open elections in over 30 years.

But that was in some poor, faraway country. The banks and governments around the world decided to buck the market (something they tell us is impossible when we're fighting for jobs and wages!). The global economy stabilised ... for a while.

Then, last year, the World Trade talks in Seattle were brought down by tens of thousands of workers and youth on the streets. The revolt was now right on their own doorsteps, in the cities where they bank their loot from exploiting our labour all over the world, where they have their posh houses and restaurants and private clubs.

The current roller-coaster frenzy on the stock exchanges means another big shock to the system could be round the corner.

So far they've managed to keep apart two explosive forces: the new generation of courageous, radical youth, and the huge, sleeping potential of the organised working class. So far in Britain and Europe these two forces have struggle separately, on different issues. June 18 and



**jeez that's Capitalism for you... fat blokes in dodgy suits play the market like it was their own private casino... (eh, that's the Pokemon photo-ed)**



Ah, yes pokemon the loveable cute TV show, the card game that promotes sharing and co-operation the game boy game that promotes realistic money spending, ah yes the happy world of pokemon. Of course that's what the PR man wants you to think after the latest stabbing for pokemon cards, so lets look at it again through our own eyes the ones that haven't filled with bloodlust after seeing that kid over there show off some rare card. Pokemon the

loveable crap animal that's badly drawn and has absolutely no plot whatsoever and has basically lost the plot. The card game that promotes muggings, stab-bings and smash-and-grab toystore raids- the game boy game with its crappy graphics ok yes graphics aren't everything but come on squirtle's water cannon looks like three rain drops for goodness sake. And the only thing the happy world of pokemon teaches us is how to be the perfect consumers. It's a classic example of capitalism at its height, inferior

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proved too powerful for the cops to stop.

That's why New Labour is passing so many laws against freedom of information, against "terrorism" (redefined to mean anyone fighting against injustice or genocide), against jury trials. Instead we have laws in favour of bugging and surveillance.

**They're getting ready for the explosion – so should we!**

The capitalist system isn't going to take off forever into economic boom and prosperity. Sooner or later it'll crash. When it does, the bosses will try to restore their profits by making us pay for it with mass unemployment and poverty. And Tony Blair, Jack Straw and co. will back them 100%. When that happens, there is the potential for a real working class explosion of anger and we will have a chance to unite the two movements and build truly mass actions that will shake capitalism like never before.

In September, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank are meeting in Prague in the Czech Republic. They are responsible for choking Eastern with debt and devastating rightwing economic policies.

The hopes for freedom that swept through these countries when the Stalinist walls were felled have been dashed. The youth – who thought they'd be living in a Levi's advert, with Walkmans, trainers and a happy-go-lucky consumer lifestyle – have woken up. Capitalism promised the prosperity of Western Europe, it delivered the poverty of Western Sahara. The anger there is massive. So let's bring the West European Massive over there – East and West Unite and Fight! All out for Prague!

## Pokemon sucks!

products that have led to death and rare cards with even mothers getting involved. So yes the pokemon world is a happy one but only if you're a fat cat. Oh and one last thing the poker-aps suck.

only one of the many young victims of Pokemon



**Jamie in Stratford**



# IF WE'RE GONNA SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT WE GOTTA BE MEAN NOT GREEN

Cyclones in India ...  
Floods in Mocambique ...  
Drought in Ethiopia

The Earth's in a mess, from the ozone layer to the bottom of the ocean. Deserts are expanding while the forests, the lungs of the world, are shrinking. The land, rivers and the seas are contaminated and our cities polluted. Industrial and nuclear waste and acid all combine to degrade our environment.

What's more, so-called "natural" disasters are on the rise. As the Earth's atmosphere heats up due to emissions of gases like methane and CO2, global weather patterns are changing, leading to more floods, droughts, and hurricanes. With the rise in sea levels that will result from global warming, some areas will disappear entirely.

All these trends are out of control. A disaster is waiting to happen. Yet the governments and multinationals are making no serious attempt to reverse the damage.

It's capitalism that is to blame, the rule of the giant corporations, banks, and the poodle governments that serve them. Capitalism's blind pursuit of profit means it needs to stimulate consumption and create new needs whether we need it or not, wasting resources in the process. It needs to minimise costs by cutting environmental protection controls. Unless it's replaced capitalism will kill the planet.

## Is there a Green solution?

Many in the green movement want to "green" big business rather than really challenge their power. The Green Party may sound radical, but they don't threaten the bosses' private property. They urge regulation instead. This is a utopia. The US

easily gets round the limits on pollution by cynically buying up poor countries' quotas! Meanwhile, Green ministers in Germany have even dropped uranium-depleted bombs on pensioners' homes in Serbia. That's where "liberal" politics get you!

Some go further and say "small is beautiful". But we don't want to go back to the narrow horizons, and narrow minds, of village life. Forget nations and nationalism, regions and regionalism, localities and localism - we want to go forward to a global society that all of us create from below, that takes the best from all cultures, and turfs out the alienating plastic global culture of the Disney channel, Niketown and Coca Cola that the corporations spoon-feed us today. And the people of the Third World desperately need industrialisation and development to liberate themselves from hunger and disease.

Capitalism is based on exploitation and oppression. Neither workers, nor peasants nor the world's resources can be allowed to come before profit. Overthrowing capitalism as a world-system is a precondition to save the planet from ecological disaster.

Reclaim the Streets also see capitalism as the main enemy. But while RTS calls on workers to join their protests they do not see the working class as the key to overthrowing capitalism. That's the weakness of their protests against capitalism in Britain so far - a riot in the City of London won't change the minds of the bankers. Only the power of the working class can give these protests the punch they need to win

reforms (as Seattle proved) and ultimately get rid of the capitalist system altogether. Inside the unions we can build campaigns against safety cuts and for environmentally friendly

practices; we can fight for workers' and working class

**DESTROY CAPITALISM  
BEFORE IT DESTROYS  
THE PLANET!**

communities' control.

The fight is also global. The unions should reach out to working class organisations abroad and build joint action to hit the multinationals from both ends. Nationalise them under workers' control, without compensation, using strikes and occupations as our weapons. Direct action that draws in the working class is the way to make the slogan "Let the resistance be as transnational as capital" a reality.

Ultimately there is only one solution to destruction, poverty, alienation: a globally planned economy, democratically run and controlled by all of us - socialism. Socialism will be a totally different society. We'll destroy consumerism - not in favour of a joyless uniformity but in pursuit of a really free social life. We'll revolutionise the ways in which humans work together and place creativity at the centre-down with the alienation and boredom of the assembly line and McJobs.

It's our world and capitalism is destroying it - so let's destroy it first.

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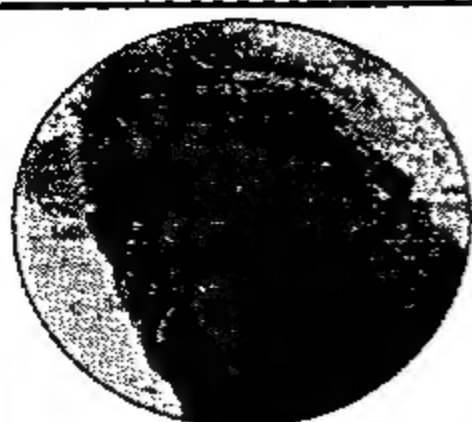
# THE MEDIA LIES

One helluva beautiful day for a demo ... a samba band, costumed paraders, banners up everywhere, a crowd of a few thousand happy people - and in Parliament Square, digging up the turf, right in the face of the powers that be. What more could a body want?

# MAYDAY!

THE **Scum**

**MAYDAY MAYHEM!**



MIDDLE ENGLAND'S GREAT TORY WAR HERO **DEFILED**



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## eyewitness truth VOICES IN PROTEST

A really good day. It started off very peaceful and turned into a big miff! Harpreet

It was heavy but the police were paranoid because of a small minority of troublemakers. If the police weren't there or maybe a bit more low-key, then it wouldn't have been so rowdy. Amy

The people that were on Mayday weren't yobs or thugs. The guy who sprayed Winston Churchill was an ex-soldier and actually knew what Winston Churchill stood for. The media misrepresented what happened. The car windows that were smashed in were rich people's cars or BT. You know whose side you're on. Lucianne

Inspiring. Because there were so many people there all with the same attitude and anti-capitalist ideas. Danny

Danny

Hooking up with the workers demonstration heading to Trafalgar Sq. would've been the best and biggest demo, but the cops made sure that this wasn't going to happen. There were reams of riot cops in the surrounding area, yet they couldn't get a few in to defend the MacDonald's; this makes me think they were waiting for that to get trashed so that they would have an excuse to go in heavy handed which they did. The next day, Tony Blair railed about the thugs and rioters (the cops?) and has put forward the idea of banning demos 'of this sort', adding another page to the anti-terrorist bill. Joy

It was fun, but it wasn't very organised. For the next time, it should be better organised. Jamie

Trafalgar Square. Kicked off only in the fringes. Tons of people tried to stop the smashing up of McDonalds. The day that was made for voicing your opinion was wasted by throwing bottles at the cops. Hester

Had a lot of potential and lots of potential to go forward. Except for the light of June 18th, the police intervention was heavy. RTS can go on for a long time bringing groups of people together, but took a side step away from what they usually do. Couldn't see the same momentum as 18 because Mayday was under its shadow. Aydin

The show of force by the police was proof of what a threat the demonstration was to them. That should be an inspiration to the movement. Rosie

M1 was a good time, thank the laidback vibe in Parliament Square, where everyone vandalised the Queen's grass Churchill or had a laugh walking. But it wasn't J18, Guerilla gardening was basically just illegal festival and environmental stunt, it felt like it had no other than planting seeds. I don't want to grow my own. I think mass mechanised agriculture is great - it frees people to do lots of other much more interesting things. Rosie

police hadn't penned us in so we couldn't leave) it was billed as a continuation of the anti-capitalist movement - June 18th: Carnival against capitalism, Novemebr 30th: anti-World Trade Organisation protest, April 16th 50 years of the IMF is enough actions.

RTS said they wanted to take the movement into new territory. Rather than another angry demo against something (the City of London financial heartland, the WTO in Seattle, the IMF in Washington DC) they wanted it to be positive, about the alternative we're fighting for.

But is growing our own food really the alternative we're fighting for? Our goal

on Mayday should have been to meet up with the trade union demo, with thousands of workers on it - including the Rover and Dagenham carworkers. Anti-capitalists would have lots to say to them: direct action - strikes and occupation - is the way to save their jobs; scapegoating refugees is a diversion to keep us from uniting and attacking the real cause of unemployment - the bosses, etc.

Community gardening is not anti-capitalist.

Uniting the radical youth with the workers is what scares the ruling class - that combination of forces in Seattle threw back the global capitalists' plans and shook their

confidence (they had to abandon their meeting!). So a great opportunity was missed and it was actually a step backward from June 18th where we attacked the stock exchange.

Big Brother pulls the strings

More importantly, the police completely controlled the day. From 11am on, they smiled as everyone dug up the turf - the next day on the news they said they were going to use the photos they took to prosecute as many as possible. Lesson: never trust a copper.

They had vanloads of riot cops down every sidestreet off Whitehall but only a

Represents the growing anti-capitalist movement, thousands of people demonstrating. It was very encouraging to see lots of different campaigns uniting together. dan



# MAYDAY!

handful of shirt-sleeved bobbies in front of the MacDonalds ... Then a bit after 2pm a handful of anarchists and public school types fell for the bait hook line and sinker and trashed it. This gave the cops the excuse they needed to close Whitehall and stop the two demos from meeting up. Then they sealed off both Trafalgar Square (where the workers

were) and Parliament Square (where the youth were) with lines of riot cops, so they could photograph everyone, demoralise new protesters and pick us off at pleasure. In short, it was a trap.

**Beyond the flufffy versus spikey debate: disorganisation versus a democratically agreed goal**

There's been a lot of debate about the MacDonalds trashing. A 3 year old girl was reportedly hit by a flying bottle and the workers at MacDonalds and a nearby coffee bar were terrified. Actions like this, or the graffitied cenotaph cut us off from working class people and isolate the anti-capitalist movement, playing right into the hands of the state.

But the deeper issue isn't violence, it's organisation. We need mass action with an aim, which means winning the people involved to that goal. In a disorganisation you can't do that.

First of all, who knew what our aim was? Look at Guerilla Gardening. The majority of people on the action simply had a leaflet saying "Do

this when the red flag rises, do that when the black flag rises" etc. The whole action, its structure, its goals, were decided by a tiny minority in Reclaim the Streets. When it went pear-shaped loads of people just wandered away in the early afternoon from boredom: after the turf was dug up and there wasn't anything else to do. Far from using people's creativity it blocked it.

## THEIR SYSTEM V. OUR MOVEMENT HEADING FOR A COLLISION by Marcus in Mancs



trashing MacDonalds: the right goal, or an own goal?

Special Brew in their hand screaming "Who appointed you the demo police". It's just one individual versus another, with no larger collective goal.

Organised, appointed stewards can take aside genuinely angry or wasted individuals who are ruining the action and talk them down. We can also challenge any police agent who are doing it intentionally to kick it off.

Organised stewarding takes the control of the confrontation out of the hands of the police. You no longer rely on spontaneous bravery of individuals to go to the frontline. In both Parliament Square and Trafalgar Square there was a minority trying to break through the police while the majority just watched. We can organise the majority to push through police lines or to not run at a charge, so we dictate when and where our demo ends and reaches its goal, not the cops.

Mass meetings to discuss and agree what we want to achieve on the day plus accountable and elected stewards to ensure it is achieved. This is democratic organisation, a basic weapon of all oppressed people in struggle.

Disorganisation is anything but a weapon. It just means a small clique controls the actions instead of those who are taking part. The people who have to deal with the cops' violence are left passive and defenceless.

### the future ...

The state is getting better at controlling our anti-capitalist actions, using media hysteria campaigns and locking up our bravest activists. Now they are passing the anti-terrorism bill which will criminalise protest and organisations like Reclaim the Streets.

The anti-capitalist movement has to turn outwards to the working class, into the unions and community campaigns. We have something to bring to them - bravery, creativity, the idea you can just go out and do it. But the working class movement has something to teach us too - rank and file democracy, taking responsibility for our actions, discipline in the face of the enemy. REVO fights to merge the two movements in Prague - join us!

Kuldip Bajwa, J18 Prisoner, writes "The anti-capitalist May Day protest really caught the imagination of prisoners. Everyone was asking about Winston Churchill. When I explained that he turned machine guns on striking miners in South Wales, re-armed the Nazis in Italy so they could put down workers and starved 2million Indians to death, they were with us alright. In fact, the following week we had our own occupation to demand decent association time. So your actions both educate and inspire.

But we have to learn the lessons and go forward. I am in prison because we are not organised enough. The anti-capitalist movement is at a crossroads - one road is a dead end of isolated actions and repression, the other leads to the workers and the smashing of capitalism. It is urgent we take the second road."

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police encircled the demonstrators and kicked off the violence



**election results:**

# 50000 SOCIALISTS IN LONDON!

The London Socialist Alliance, a coalition of socialist organisations, stood in the elections for the London Assembly and polled nearly 50,000 votes! Wow is that enough for the uprising? (the revolution will not be televised...just glitched in the new, malfunctioning voting machines). Then again, it's just an election.

3 years ago New Labour was elected with an unheard of majority in Parliament of 170 seats- they could do whatever they wanted to. At every instance they've supported big business over workers and the third world. People have had enough. Many Labour voters simply stayed at home in the council elections across Britain, so the Tories gained 600 seats. But in

London, where workers were given an alternative, Ken Livingstone won by a landslide and 46,500 voted for the London Socialist Alliance.

**But do elections really change anything? They're all just a load of politicians.**

Voting does change things in terms of workers' ideas, since it puts the politicians they believe in to the test of office. It gives those politicians the rope to hang themselves.

Tony Blair, Ken Livingstone play on workers' trust to get into

office. They want to reform the system, not overthrow it. But this means they are forced to sell out. Take Rover: they could nationalise it without compensation to BMW- but this would turn all the bosses against them in Britain ("if they'll do that for the Rover workers, what will they do to us on when we attack our workers?"). So Labour has to wash their hands of it - since they won't take on the bosses. They say the only option is for some capitalist to buy Rover, even if this means 1000's of the workers there will still be sacked. They bow down before the market and try to convince the rest of us that there's no other option.

Ken Livingstone is no different. He's already hinting he might not fight tube privatisation, his one big promise to Londoners!

But it's a better situation for revolutionaries since New Labour was elected- look at how many people are beginning to wake up and get angry. So we supported Ken for Mayor - at the same time exposing his bad record and warning that we'll need to start organising NOW for mass action - to back Livingstone up against New Labour if he actually fights tube privatisation...and to fight him if he caves in and breaks his promise.

There's a great danger if we ignore elections: if we don't give a radical alternative to workers, then others will from the right: in the anti-refugee climate of the last few weeks, the fascist BNP got 47,000 votes in the London elections. In the council elections, they scored some of their best gains in years in the Midlands, where workers are scared that if Rover goes it will take 50,000 jobs with it.

The Tories and Labour will compete to play the race card whether we like it or not. The BNP will canvass the estates and workplaces whether we do or don't. There's no such thing as a political vacuum, where we can ignore elections - we need to fight them.

When elections come up, you see a heightened interest in politics as people think who they will vote for, since it's the only thing political we're taught to do under capitalism. We need to use them as a means, not an end in themselves. They are just another tool to build the mass action we will need to fight capitalism and to spread the revolutionary ideas that can get rid of it for good.



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...aggressive beggar  
...bogus asylum seekers  
...soft touch Britain  
...detention camps...



Neo-nazism is on the rise in Europe: Haider's Freedom Party is in power in Austria and the BNP gained ground in the May 4th elections. David Irving, a fascist theoretician, attempted to use the courts to defend his claim that the Holocaust never happened - and lost.

**Rachel from Elstree reports:**

It's an obscene thought that within the next 5 or so years, experience of the Holocaust will be reduced to second-hand testimony, in the absence of Nazi victims of the previous generation.

Even more obscene is the manipulative suppression of basic historical fact of disgustingly adamant Holocaust denier, David Irving, in line with his far-right, fascist ideology. Author and academic, Professor Deborah Lipstadt, accused Irving of 'dancing on the graves' of the Holocaust's victims. Irving's retaliation was weak, referring to his ridiculous claims as simply "dissent from the mainstream view about the Holocaust". But what of Irving's 'historical argument'? The judge related extracts from a speech made by Irving to neo-nazi audiences in Canada, exposing his vicious attempts to denigrate the horrific experiences of Auschwitz:

"It's baloney. It's legend... You think that's tasteless, how about this? There are so many



# ZIMBABWE

Newspapers and TV news bulletins have been filled with stories of the plight of white farmers in Zimbabwe. We should have no sympathy for these parasites, who stole the land at the time of Britain's colonial rule. Many of them are vile racists who supported the apartheid style rule of Ian Smith in the 1970's. Zimbabwe's 4,500 white farmers own 40 per cent of the most fertile and productive land and control the economy. Over a million black peasants are forced to subsist on rest of the worst land.



Mugabe

The crisis in Zimbabwe is not new; hundreds have died in violent clashes, and millions are forced to live in abject poverty. Yet it is only when a few of the white elite start to suffer that it becomes a worthy news story. The IMF forced the country to accept a structural adjustment programme which has devastated the economy, leading to an unemployment rate of over 50 per cent and causing big cuts in funding for health and education. These hardships and growing dissatisfaction with president Mugabe forced the working class to take action. General strikes called by the trade union federation have been occurred over the last year and the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) was formed in opposition to the government. All this prompted Mugabe to try to gain even more power in a ref-

erendum in February. However, this was defeated by the MDC, and shortly afterwards squatters began to seize land from white farmers. These occupations have been led by veterans from the war of independence against Britain and Ian Smith's minority white government. The leaders and their thugs have been beating up farm labourers and attacking MDC supporters.

The squatters have been supported by Mugabe, but this has not been motivated by a desire to right the wrongs of Britain's colonial rule. Mugabe has had 20 years to redistribute the land; it was only the growing crisis that prompted him to support the action. However we should not see the MDC as a solution: they are desperate to avoid confrontation with Britain, the IMF and the more liberal whites who support them. This means that they only call for the redistribution of the worst land, leaving the most productive white owned land untouched. They also want to compensate the owners of any land seized, which of course will be paid for by the working class through higher taxes and cuts in government spending.

There is only one solution to the land problem in Zimbabwe. The land must be nationalised without compensating the white farmers. The farms must then be divided democratically according to the needs of each peasant and labourer. **Simon in Sheffield**



Auschwitz survivors going around, in fact the number increases as the years go past, which is biologically very odd to say the least. I'm going to form

an association of Auschwitz survivors, Holocaust survivors, and other liars."

One Auschwitz survivor, Trudy Levi, described her experiences: "We travelled in cattle trucks in searing heat with the dead and injured for five days. When we arrived, my mother was taken away and gassed, and I never saw her again. My father also disappeared and I never found out what happened... I found Irving's views extremely insulting - those were the facts and facts cannot be denied."

On April 11th, this 'revisionist historian' was brought to justice in a trial that confirmed him as an anti-Semite and a racist. Having been pelted with eggs by members of the Anti-Nazi league before even arriving in court, Irving became increasingly embarrassed as the verdict branded every aspect of his writings 'hostile, critical, offensive and derisory in their reference to Semitic people'. This destroyed Irving's claim to objectivity, which was further weakened by evidence of his close involvement with neo-Nazi extremists. Irving's defence was described as "shaky... for once the arrogant tone was gone."

This court case is a real setback for Irving and other fascists and will deny him access to the mainstream media. But the BNP doesn't need media acceptance to grow, look at their successes in the May elections. And Hitler wasn't always accepted by mainstream German society in the 1920's - it was when the bosses decided to use his gangs to smash the militant workers' movement that he really gained acceptance. It's up to us to organised a mass anti-fascist movement to keep the fascists down, and campaign against racism in the working class.

NO PLATFORM FOR FASCISTS!

## BOYS DON'T CRY

A brilliant film based on a true story that captures



the courage of a young woman taking society head on by refusing to adopt the gender and sexual stereotype forced upon her by the confines of homophobic Smalltown, Nowhere (or should I say, Smalltown, Everywhere). Hillary Swank is Brandon Teena (or Teena Brandon) immersed in a sexual identity crisis attempting to reinvent herself/himself.

Teen declares she is not a lesbian, but a man. Too skint to ever pay the expensive costs of a sex change, he/she runs away from the prejudice of Lincoln, Nebraska, ending up in another, even smaller, town. Falls City: full of bored youth working dead end jobs or committing petty crimes, waiting (and fearing) a break to the big city; in the meantime, getting their kicks by bumper skiing, inhaling CO2, gravel running, you get the picture. Brandon's big dream is to own a trailer park "where we can have BBQs every day and invite all our friends." Lana (Chloe Sevigny), his latest flame, wants to make money singing karaoke in Memphis. But the cops catch up with Teena, who has already spent time inside, and the tale turns tragic. The full fury of Smalltown, Nowhere is unleashed. I won't say anything more, but that I cried.

It is a great film with some extraordinary acting from Hillary Swank. GO SEE IT! Joy in Nunhead



but in the form of a voucher. These can only be used in certain shops, mainly large supermarkets such as Sainsbury's. To persuade companies to take part, the government is allowing them to keep the change, thereby actually **profiting** from this humiliating and disgusting campaign.

The government plans to open up old army camps as detention centres for refugees are just the next round in the racist war of words against asylum seekers. These camps (concentration camps in all but name) will lock up people whose only crime has been to escape from poverty or repressive regimes.

Chief exponent of these racist ideas has been Tory leader William Hague in a cynical attempt to play the race card. He is for the use of detention centres for all asylum seekers and continually crows on about 'bogus asylum seekers flooding the country'. These rantings could be dismissed as a desperate attempt to gain support for a party in crisis. However, this fails to take into account the fact that he is merely endorsing a Tory program taken up by New Labour.

When in opposition, Labour rightly condemned the Tories' immigration policies, yet as soon as they got into power all this changed. They managed to introduce even more right wing legislation. The Asylum and Immigration Act that became law last November forcibly moves refugees around the country, often to areas with no immigrant populations and inadequate services, such as interpreters. Despite claims to the contrary, they are often housed in squalid accommodation that would otherwise be unusable. The Act also reduces the amount of benefits received to just 80 per cent. And they won't be paid in cash.

# DEFEND THE REFUGEES

REFUGEES ARE NOT CRIMINALS

It is clear that these attacks are aimed solely against poor people, and black people in particular. Labour has opened its doors to thousands of white Zimbabwean farmers (economic migrants or what?!) Witness the different treatment of the thousands of Australians, Americans, and others, who live and work in this country. The government reinforced this recently by announcing measures to make it easier for skilled workers such as doctors and engineers to get work permits for this country.

## RACIST POISON

When the politicians start pushing racism it doesn't just stay on the telly, the poison seeps out into society, into the workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods, leading to attacks and intimidation, like this letter sent to an Asian pupil in south Gloucester:

"To Paki Ali, scrounger of the state benefit. Domesday is coming for you. The skinheads are coming to get you and your little thieves. Be ready - die or return to Paki land."

Coupled with the rantings of the politicians has been the vicious campaign waged in the media spreading lies and fanning the flames of race hate. No wonder there has been a massive rise in racist violence. In Birmingham over the Mayday week end, a black man was set alight by three white males, who shouted racist abuse as they covered him in petrol. We need to fight back now before racism and fascism get any stronger.

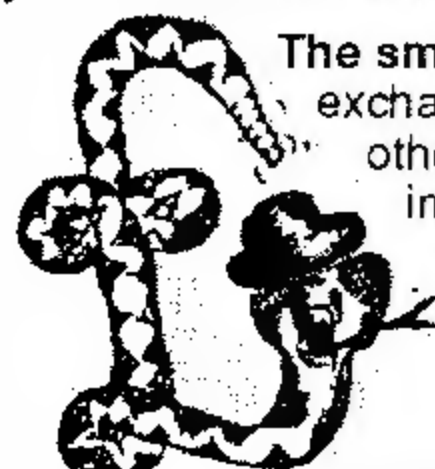
Down with immigration controls!  
Kick fascists off our streets!

**REVO** has been campaigning against Sainsbury's refusal to give change to asylum seekers when using the vouchers in their stores. They claim this is the law - but when they wanted to introduce Sunday shopping they broke the law, so why not now? Basically because Lord Sainsbury (private fortune £2.2bn) can't get any profit out of giving refugees their change. So get a megaphone, some fake vouchers, a petition and give that shit Sainsbury some stick!



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